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Transfer to Winter Exercises of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in the		
Lieberose-Cottbus- Forst Area		
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1. On 12 and 13 March 1955, loadings took place at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station, which was guarded and patrolled by sentries. Trucks with billeting and engineer equipment continually went to the station during both days.

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At 1150 on 13 March, a train carrying 4 canvas-covered tanks, 6 rocket launchers, 8 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 four-wheel armored personnel carriers, 8 armored scout cars, approximately 30 trucks, 4 tank trucks and, on about 15 boxcars, personnel, left toward Frankfurt/Oder. At 1500, all loadings at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station had been completed. Fresh imprints of tank tracks led from the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse (4501) to the freight station. On 12 March, the mobile-shop truck of the Fuerstenwalde commissary was equipped with goods for 10 days, since it was scheduled to accompany the units, which left Fuerstenwalde.

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2. The following trains with personnel and equipment were loaded at, and dispatched from, the Fuerstenwalde railroad station on 12 and 13 March:
12 March. Two trains totaling 30 boxcars and 61 flatcars to Klinge;
 two trains totaling 13 boxcars and 62 flatcars to Doebern;
13 March. Two trains totaling 28 boxcars and 67 flatcars to Forst; and
 two trains totaling 21 boxcars and 47 flatcars to Cottbus.

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3. Between 0300 and 0500 on 20 March, 6 T-34/85 tanks, 1 T-34 tank hull, 2 SU-100 guns, 2 x 85-mm AT guns, 2 x 76-mm AT guns, 2 x 120-mm mortars, 4 x 82-mm mortars, 8 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 2 half-track armored personnel carriers, 22 trucks, 2 tank trucks, 2 field kitchens and 6 boxcarloads of personnel were unloaded at the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station.

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Comment. more than 20 shipments of units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div went to the Lieberose - Cottbus - Forst area from Fuerstenwalde and Frankfurt/Oder.

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Since the bulk of the shipments went to the Cottbus-Forst area, it is assumed that the winter exercise of the 7th

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Gds Mecz Div developed from south toward north and terminated in the Lieberose training area, where small elements of the division presumably were to represent the enemy force. The return to Berlin of elements of the 24th Gds Mecz Regt of the division indicated that the exercise probably terminated on 19 March. Observations at the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse indicated that units of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army also participated in the winter exercise of the division.

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